

# ARKANSAS, ESSA AND OUR PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE

**2015**

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law on December 10, 2015. From June 2015 through July 2016, the leadership of the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), in collaboration with stakeholders across the state, developed and finalized ADE's Vision for Excellence in Education.

**2016**

From July 2016 through April 2017, ADE engaged with stakeholders from across the state to receive valuable input and feedback on Arkansas' proposed ESSA plan.

**2017**

In April 2017, the first of three drafts of Arkansas' ESSA plan were posted for public review and comment. The drafts were also reviewed by the Vision for Excellence in Education and Arkansas Accountability System Steering Committee and a committee of practitioners. The plan was submitted to Governor Asa Hutchinson's office for review in June 2017. The final plan was submitted to the U. S. Department of Education on September 18, 2017.

**2018**

Arkansas' ESSA plan was approved by the U. S. Department of Education on January 16, 2018. The plan will be fully implemented in the 2018-2019 school year.

**2019**

All public schools will post school-level improvement plans on the district website. Districts will provide support, monitoring and evaluation of plans.



## Every Student Succeeds Act

Creating a Student-Focused Education System for Arkansas